



Minutes of the Special Meeting
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Present: Chairperson Donn Loper, Commissioner Shelley Anderson, Kemp Ellis, John Faramelli, Ron King, and Stephen Owens

Absent: Commissioner Dean Cerimeli

Staff Present: Jona Davis, Terry Erickson, Liz Hildenbrand, Mark Lescoe, Bill Murphy, and Judy Weiss

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order at 5 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Commissioner Anderson asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the regular Meeting of June 2, 2004 as submitted. Chairperson Loper seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION AND STAFF

Judy Weiss, Director of Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the City and staff, presented plaques to Leigh Hersey and Nona Oliver in appreciation for their service to the Commission. Commissioner Anderson presented a gift to Leigh Hersey on behalf of the Commission.

PARTNERSHIP FUNDING REQUEST

Judy Weiss, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a request to the Commission to approve a request for Partnership Funding from Arcadia Scottsdale United Soccer Club for soccer goals at Chaparral Park. The group is requesting matching funds in the amount of \$3,443. The request meets the criteria of Partnership Funding Program.

Commissioner Owens asked if this was the same group that requested funds last year. Ms. Weiss said they were. Commissioner Owens asked if there was a need to replace the goals more urgently than other areas such as the Cochise complex. Ms. Weiss said this request came up since last year and it required additional funding. The Cochise project is already underway. Commissioner Owens asked if there was a cap on the total funds any one group can receive. He noted that compared to other projects this group has received more than double any other group in Partnership Funds. Ms. Weiss said we have never had to put a cap on the funds before, as they are available to all youth sports groups that have the matching money. Changes are being considered for this program and that may put a natural cap on the funds. Commissioner Owens stated he is in favor of the project and would like to see more groups apply

if we have adequate funding. Ms. Weiss said a time limit from the time the Commission approves the funding to the beginning of the project is being considered.

Commissioner Anderson asked are there other soccer teams that need goals and why was Chaparral chosen for this project. Scott Graham, Treasurer of ASUSC, said the 2 fields at Chaparral have goals that are used for football and soccer and this proposal will replace the football goals with soccer goals. Football has not been played on these fields. The goals that are there now are sinking and are not regulation height. He noted that the previous request was a partnership with other groups. He said the current placement of goals causes wear patterns. The moveable goals will give flexibility and provide better wear on the field.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Arcadia Scottsdale United Soccer Club's request for Partnership Funding in the amount of \$3,443 as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

SUMMER PROGRAM WRAP UP

Liz Hildenbrand, Terry Erickson, Jona Davis and Mark Lescoe, Senior Recreation Coordinators, presented a wrap up of Parks and Recreation's 2004 summer programs. Information included program activities, special events, registration summaries and statistics on Leisure Education/Outdoor Recreation, Summer Children's programs, Aquatics and Special Events.

Commissioner Anderson asked if the revenue pays for the programs. Ms. Hildenbrand said there are various programs that are priced under different formulas. Some are at a 110% cost recovery and others such as youth programs are at a 50% cost recovery. The difference is subsidized through general fund money.

Commissioner Faramelli asked when would McDowell Mountain Ranch come on-line. Ms. Davis said it is currently on schedule with a spring 2005 groundbreaking and completion by January of 2006. Commissioner Faramelli noted that when it is completed there would be a huge increase in participation.

Chairperson Loper asked if the reductions in participation in outdoor programs was attributed to the change in fee structure. He asked when the Fees and Charges study would be completed. Ms. Hildenbrand said staff is involved in the review of the policy. Changes will be incorporated in the next budget year process and, if approved, would be implemented July 2005. Chairperson Loper asked about the waiting lists for the swim programs and if they were still long. Ms. Davis said since the lessons have been decreased to 30 minutes the waitlists are smaller. Chairperson Loper asked if the 30-minute lessons are as effective. Ms. Davis said they have proven to be as they hold attention of the children better.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Judy Weiss, Parks and Recreation Director, and William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, updated the Commission on the status of events and activities of the division. Ms. Weiss advised that on Saturday, September 18th Neighborhood Parks hosted Rio Montaña's Neighborhood Block Party; provided an update on the Facilities Planning for projects; Scottsdale Ranch Park is participating in a program with Wilson Sports to promote the Jeff Myers Memorial Junior Open in November. 24 cases of tennis ball cans will have the tournament logo as well as City of Scottsdale logo. Depending on feedback, we may use custom tennis can inserts to promote our regular tennis programming; Railfair will be held at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park on October 9th and 10th. Mr. Murphy advised that the future stars of Major League Baseball will be competing at Scottsdale Stadium starting Oct. 5 as part of the Arizona Fall League; the Giants Fall League has begun at Indian School Park and goes through October 20th; Downtown planters and pots will be planted with winter flowers starting September 27th; overseeding in the Civic Center Mall will begin the week of October 4th; winter flowers will be planted the week of October 11th; maintenance staff at Chaparral Park planted 30 new

trees throughout the park to replace trees that had to be removed; the Chaparral Off Leash Activity Area and Chaparral East/West Soccer Fields were re-opened for public use on August 16th following several weeks of turf renovation; the Annual Stadium Sleepover will be held at the Scottsdale Stadium on October 2nd and 3rd. Mr. Murphy provided an update on the Original Scottsdale Revitalization effort. Ms. Weiss advised the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 at the Via Linda Senior Center

Commissioner Anderson asked if the naming of the CAP Basin would come before the Commission anytime soon. Ms. Weiss said the City Council approved a new sponsorship resolution and policy including naming rights. Staff is working to value that facility and sell the name. Any naming will come before the Commission and City Council.

Chairperson Loper asked if the items the Commission discussed at the June meeting will be placed on upcoming agendas. Ms. Weiss said they would and the calendar is an ever-evolving document.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. § 38-431.02)

Chairperson Loper asked the Commissioners to pay particular attention to the dates of the activities of the Department that are held throughout the year. He encouraged the Commissioners to attend as many functions as possible.

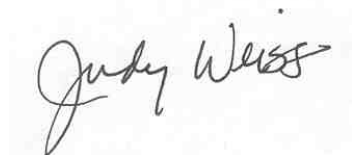
Chairperson Loper called for any items from the floor. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

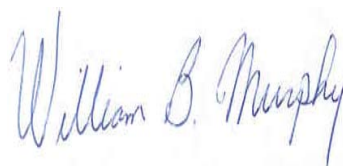
Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Owens seconded and the motion carried. With no further business to be brought before the Commission, Chairperson Loper adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Johnson, Recording Secretary.

Meets established criteria.



Judy Weiss, Director
Parks and Recreation



William B. Murphy, Director
Parks and Grounds Management